GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1054 Dated: 12-09-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.SC.No.58/DES-EWG/2021-S.13, dt.22.10.2024.
2. From the DG, ACB, Lr.C.No.58/DES-EWG/2021-S.13, dt.14.05.2025.
3. G.O.Ms.No.334, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt.12.09.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District, on 18.12.2021.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-II, III & IV).

3. Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte and further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention of Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The District Collector, Eluru District.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SO-6, SRI GELLA BABU RAO, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, AMMUPALEM VILLAGE, O/O THE TAHSILDAR, JANGAREDDIGUDEM MANDAL, ELURU DISTRICT(ERSTWHILE WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 05/SC-EWG/2021 OF ACB, ELURU RANGE.

That SO-6 Sri Gella BabuRao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal(here-in-after referred to as "Charged Government Servant" for the sake of brevity) while functioning as such during the period from 15.07.2019 to 18.12.2021, committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I:-

That the Charged Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District (erstwhile West Godavari District) during the period from 15.07.2019 to 18.12.2021, he was having un-accounted cash of Rs.10,950/- in his possession during the Surprise Check on 18.12.2021.

Thus, the Charged Government Servant has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Charged Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, Sub rules 8A and 8B of Rule 9 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Andhra Pradesh Village Servants Service Rules, 2005.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SO-6, SRI GELLA BABU RAO, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, AMMUPALEM VILLAGE, O/O THE TAHSILDAR, JANGAREDDIGUDEM MANDAL, ELURU DISTRICT(PREVIOUSLY WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 05/SC-EWG/2021 OF ACB, ELURU RANGE.

That Sri SO-6 Sri Gella Babu Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District (erstwhile West Godavari District)is a native of Lakkvaram Village, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District. His date of birth is 15.06.1971. He joined in the Government Service on 01.10.1995 as Village Servant at Lakkavram Village of Tahsildar office Jangareddigudem. Later he was promoted as VRO and worked at Ammupalem (V), Jangareddigudem from 15.17.2019 to 18.12.2021. His basic pay is Rs.38,720/-. He is retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2033. He is here-in-after referred to as Charged Government Servant.

Brief facts:

On credible information that the Tahsildar, Jangareddygudem and his staff were indulging in corrupt practices and not serving services to the public as per the citizen charter and abusing their official position for obtaining pecuniary gain for themselves and causing loss to the government exchequer, a Surprise check was conducted in the presence of two mediators on 18.12.2021.

During the Surprise Check, the DSP, ACB introduced himself as well as surprise check party to the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem and ascertained the identity of 15 persons, who are present in the office. Out of them, 11 persons are employees and remaining 4 are the private persons, who are being used to perform office work.

During the Surprise check, the following irregularities committed by the Charged Government Servant were observed.

The Charged Government Servant was in possession of un-accounted cash of Rs.10,950/-.

Thus, the Charged Government Servant has committed the misconduct as follows.

CHARGE-I:-

That the Charged Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Ammupalem Village, O/o the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem Mandal, Eluru District (erstwhile West Godavari District) during the period from 15.07.2019 to 18.12.2021, he was having un-accounted cash of Rs.10,950/- in his possession during the Surprise Check on 18.12.2021.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the Surprise Check, The DSP, ACB introduced himself as well as surprise check party to the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem and ascertained the identity of 15 persons, who are present in the office. Out of them 11 persons are employees and remaining 4 are the private persons, who are being used to perform office work.

The DSP requested the staff to cooperate with the Surprise check party and requested both the mediators to conduct search on person of all 7 male persons and 4 female persons with the help of WHG-181 of Jangareddigudem PS. They conducted searches on persons and found in possession of following Cash.

S. No	Name & Designation	Amount (in Rs.)
1	Sri RamayanamVenkataMurali Krishna, Tahsildar of JangareddigudemMandal	580
2	Sri KodamanchiliVara Prasad, Jr., Asst.,	500
3	Smt. MothukuriThulasi, Mandal Deputy Surveyor,	330
4	Sri Reddy Devi Prasad, Village Surveyor	810
5	Sri GellaBabuRao, VRO of Ammupalem Village	10950
6	Sri Madakam Suresh, VRO of Pattempalem Village	3388
7	Sri ShaikMastanVali, VRA of Janagreddigudem	70
8	Sri AyinavalliSubbaRao, Attender	0
9	Smt.Illa Lakshmi RatnaManjusha, Attender	210
10	Smt. KolliVijaya Lakshmi, Attender	0
11	Mis. KalisettiBhagya Lakshmi, Data Entry Operator (Out Sourcing)	0
12	Sri ShaikNagoorMeeravali (Private Person)	0
13	Sri VallankalaSivaji Ganesh, (Private Person)	0
14	Smt. MotruAsha, (Private Person)	0
15	Smt. Yeggina Sri Vidya, (Private Person)	0
	Total:	**16,838**

No Personal Cash Register is being maintained in Tahsildar office and all the eleven employees did not declare their personal cash in the relevant register. Kodamanchili Vara Prasad, Jr., Asst., Smt. Mothukuri Thulasi, Mandal Deputy Surveyor, Sri Shaik Mastan Vali, VRA and Smt. Illa Lakshmi Ratna Manjusha, Attender are having less then amount Rs.500/- i.e. Rs.500, 330, 70 and 210/- respectively. Hence, their amount was not seized. The same was handed over to them and obtained acknowledgement.

When the DSP questioned the remaining 4 employees who are in possession of more than Rs.500/- including the Charged Government Servant, they stated that the amounts which in their possession are their personal cash. As no personal cash register is being maintained and they have not properly accounted, the said amount is treated as unaccounted for money. Hence, DSP seized the unaccounted for cash of Rs.15,728/- from 4 employees as stated in above statement for the purpose of further enquiry.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned in Sl. Nos.1 to 7 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned in Sl. No. 1 in the Annexure-IV proved the above lapse exhibited by the Charged Government Servant.

Thus, the Charged Government Servant has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Charged Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules, Sub rules 8A and 8B of Rule 9 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w A.P. Village Servants Service Rules, 2005.

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ANNEXURE – III
LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. Sri Medepalli Venkata Suresh Kumar, S/o. Venkata Satyanarayana, Age: 43 Years, Head Master, ZP High School, Kuchimpudi Village, Pedavegi Mandal, R/o. Flat No.202, Sai Prasanthi Residency, Satrampadu, Eluru, N/o. D.No.2-53/A, Near Ramalayam Garlamadugu (V), Pedavegi Mandal: (Mediator-I)

He is the Mediator-I and speaks to the facts about the surprise check proceedings conducted in the office of the Tahsildar office, Jangareddigudem on 18.12.2021.

2. Sri Nalla Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Appala Naidu, Age: 48 Years, School Asst., Maths, ZP High School, Kuchimpudi Village, PedavegiMandal, R/o. D.No.16B-15-41, Rehmath Street, Tangellamudi, Eluru: (Mediator-II)

He is the Mediator-1I and speaks to the facts about the surprise check proceedings conducted in the office of the Tahsildar office, Jangareddigudem on 18.12.2021.

3. Sri T.S.R.K. Prasad, DSP, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru:

He speaks to the facts about the surprise check proceedings conducted in the office of the Tahsildar office, Jangareddigudem, Eluru District on 18.12.2021.

4. Sri G.Srinivasa Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru:

He speaks to the facts about the assistance to the DSP, while conducting surprise check proceedings in the office of the Tahsildar office, Jangareddigudem, Eluru District on 18.12.2021 and conducting further enquiry and etc. facts.

5. Sri K.Nagendra Prasad, Inspector of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru:

He speaks to the facts about the assistance to the DSP, while conducting surprise check proceedings in the office of the Tahsildar office, Jangareddigudem, Eluru District on 18.12.2021 and etc. facts.

6. Sri K.YesuBabu, Inspector of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru:

He speaks to the facts about the assistance to the DSP, while conducting surprise check proceedings in the office of the Tahsildar office, Jangareddigudem, Eluru District on 18.12.2021 and etc. facts.

7. Sri N.V.BhaskaraRao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, Eluru:

He speaks to the facts about the handed over the file from Sri G.Srinivas, Inspector, ACB, Eluru Range and also conducting further inquiry into this matter and submitted detailed report to HO and etc. facts.

Any other witness produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE –IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Mediators Report dated: 18.12.2021 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Jangareddigudem, Eluru District.

It proves the details of events happened on the day of Surprise Check including seizure of documents, registers, non-maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and other deviations etc.

Any other documents produced during the enquiry.

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